STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): Sir, I rise to announce that the Government Business during the week commencing Monday, the 13th August, 2001 will consist of:

1. Further consideration and passing of the Marriage Law (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

2. Consideration and passing of the following Bills as passed by Lok Sabha

   a. The Food Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

   b. The Live-Stock Importation (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

   c. The Inter-State Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

   d. The Auroville (Emergency and Provisions) Amendment Bill, 2001.

   e. The Hyderabad Export Duties (Validation) Repeal Bill, 2001.

   f. The Advocates' Welfare Fund Bill, 2001.

   g. The Protection of Plants Varieties and Farmers' Rights Bill, 2001.

3. Consideration and passing of the Delhi Rent (Amendment) Bill 1997.

4. Consideration and passing of the following Bills after they have been passed by Lok Sabha:

   a. The General Insurance Business (Nationalisation) Amendment Bill, 2001.

   b. The Central Vigilance Commission Bill, 1999.

   c. The Energy Conservation Bill, 2001.

   d. The Government of Unions Territory and Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

5. Discussion on the Resolution seeking adoption of the recommendations made by the Railway Convention Committee (1999) in their Second Report on 'Rate of Dividend for 2001-02 and other ancillary matters.'

6. Discussion on the Resolution seeking approval to the rejection of the Award of Board of Arbitration on OTA as required under the JCM Scheme.

7. Discussion on the Resolution seeking approval of the rejection of the Award of Board of Arbitration on upward revision of pay scale in the grade of Stenographer Grade D in CA reference number 11 of 1992.

8. Discussion on the Resolution seeking approval to the rejection of the Award of Board of Arbitration for grant of Special Pay to Private Secretaries (merged grades 'A' and 'B' of CSSS) in CA reference number 2 of 1991.

RE. REPLY BY FINANCE MINISTER ON UTI DEBATE

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL (Bihar): With your permission, Sir, I would like to raise an issue with respect to the statement made by the hon. Finance Minister, Shri Yashwant Sinha, in this House during the course of discussion on the UTI issue. As you know, Sir, during the course of that discussion, the Members of this House, especially on this side, raised issues regarding the fact that the hon. Finance Minister was informed by the ex-Chairman of the UTI, Shri Subramanyam, as to the state of affairs of the UTI. The hon. Minister responded to it and accepted that, in fact, two letters were written on the 18th May and 30th June, but said that no demand was made by the ex-Chairman of the UTI and nothing really relevant was stated in those letters. In response to the other questions raised by Members of this House, as to what happened on the 2nd July, the Minister stated that on the 30th June, when the letter was received by the Finance Ministry, he was informed about it only on the morning of the 2nd July. He admitted that he met Shri Subramanyam, but then he stated that as far as the decision as to what was to happen to the US-64, that was left to the Board of Trustees of the UTI, and that he intervened in the matter only after the Board of Trustees took a decision. I am afraid, Mr. Chairman, Sir, and I should say this with consternation that in a news report published in the *Business Standard* on the 4th August, there is a quotation from the bail application of Shri Subramanyam in which he states something entirely contrary to what has been stated by the Finance Minister in this House, and I quote: "The former Chairman of the Unit Trust of India, Shri Subramanyam, in his bail application today before the Special Judge has claimed that he had apprised the Government on 18th May and June 30th about the state of affairs in the UTI." This is one statement. Then, I am quoting from the bail